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Deputies Arrest 8 Drunken Drivers in Operation Drive Sober Deputies stop wrong-way DUI-1st driver, and a DUI-5th 1268 Repeat Offenders Since January 2010



Matthew Larson- DUI-5th Sade Franklin- wrong-way driver, DUI-1st



Wrong-way driver's vehicle

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. has ordered a continued aggressive weekend Driving Under the Influence (DUI) initiative to rid the Milwaukee County freeway system of drunken drivers. This weekend's Operation Drive Sober initiative, from Friday at 4:00 p.m. through Sunday at 6:00 a.m., resulted in the arrest of eight drunken drivers. The average PBT result was .12.

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Wrong-way drunken driver

This morning, at 2:27 a.m., Glendale police and deputies responded to a call on a wrong-way driver traveling northbound in the southbound lanes of I-43 at Capitol Drive, where the vehicle side-swiped another car and then crashed into the median south of Hampton Avenue. North Shore Fire medically cleared both drivers and said neither had been injured.

The wrong-way driver was identified as Sade S. Franklin, age 27, of Milwaukee, and was arrested for Recklessly Endangering Safety (RES) and DUI-1st. Franklin said she had one drink at Club 618 at 618 N. Water Street. She entered the freeway at the Highland Avenue off ramp. If convicted of the felony RES charge, she faces up to 10 years in prison.

The driver of the vehicle she struck said he saw the vehicle heading toward him and he attempted to swerve, but the wrong-way driver also swerved and struck him. There is no video of the crash.

DUI-5th involved in rollover crash

This morning at about 1:10 a.m., deputies responded to a rollover crash on US-45 northbound at Capitol Drive. An off-duty MPD officer had stopped on the scene to check on the driver, who had minor injuries.

Matthew J. Larson, age 50, of Rubicon, WI, was arrested for DUI-5th offense. He said he had fallen asleep at the wheel. He said he had been drinking beer somewhere in the town of Butler. His vehicle had gone down a steep embankment about 100 feet off the freeway. Larson's prior convictions were in March 1991, March 1996, October 2009, and March 2010. He faces up to six years in prison, if convicted.

First-time offenders

Also arrested were six other first-time DUI offenders: Oscar Mejia, age 36, of Green Bay, was involved in a rollover crash; Gavin Ladewig, age 31, of West Allis; and Milwaukee residents Edgar Matta Velazquez, age 35; Adrieene Lynk, age 33; Joshua Berndt, age 38; and Brian Gentry, age 22.

Repeat offenders arrested earlier in the week:

DUI-2nd: Jeffrey Fiebrink, age 56, of Greenfield; and Altjuan Jeter, age 33, of Milwaukee.



Jeffrey Fiebrink



Altjuan Jeter

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